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### Subject: Hybrid Vehicles

#### Background

Hybrid vehicles are exempt from smog certification by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) until 2011. Therefore, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will not require a smog certification for initial, biennial, or transfer applications of hybrid vehicles until January 1, 2011.

#### Procedures

Show **“hybrid”** in the motive power field when completing a New Vehicle Report of Sale REG 397 for a hybrid vehicle. If “hybrid” is not shown on the application, the application may be returned to you or the record will be marked gas powered and a smog certification will be required.

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